

An ornate illustration for the title "ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS". The title is written in large, bold, serif capital letters across the top. Below the title, a detailed scene depicts various sports. On the left, a man in a top hat and coat stands next to a dog, with another dog running nearby; a banner below reads "COURSING". In the center-left, a man in a top hat and coat stands next to a horse, with another horse running nearby; a banner below reads "RACING". In the center-right, a man in a top hat and coat stands next to a horse, with another horse running nearby; a banner below reads "RACING". On the right, a man in a top hat and coat stands next to a horse, with another horse running nearby; a banner below reads "RACING". On the far right, a man in a top hat and coat stands next to a horse, with another horse running nearby; a banner below reads "RACING". The background features large trees and a landscape. The entire illustration is framed by a decorative border.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1863.

ONE PENNY.

THE CRICKET SEASON OF 1863.

(WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS.")

"The Englishman," observes Mons. Sherer, the intelligent correspondent of a "first-class French newspaper," is "a magnificent specimen of the human race, and I have no hesitation in saying it is credited that makes him what he is. Jack Bragg, of tallow-chandlinging notoriety, used to say, 'Mons. Sherer, in making the above assertion, enounces the very perfect specimen of man, and it rather strikes their deserts.' Our English Correspondent" would probably find himself thus complimented by the "gentlemen of letters" were meted out to him. But it is notorious that merit frequently has to give way before that meek and insinuating splotter named snob, so that if "mine intelligent friend" has not yet been so far as to "make a name for himself," he must make his mind content, and "live in hope," as some sentimental poetaster has said, that the day will come when his merits will

But, jocularly apt, the words of M. Sherer contain a great deal of good truth. We have societies established now-a-days on all sides for the express purpose of "humanising mankind"—I think that is the term; and while a great many really extraneous circumstances are continually being brought in to assist in the accomplishment of this certainly noble work, yet the one great essential, the birth-place of all man's moral greatness, namely, the great and common-sense principle of *self-interest*, is being steadily driven a little way at Euclid if he hasn't health? What good do you accomplish if by encouraging a man to obtain learning he keeps his life in the striggle—

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But what has all this to do with cricket? "Wait for the end." Can anybody point out to me above two professional cricketers who ever criminally committed themselves? I think not; but, on the contrary, who ever criminally might be picked out of their ranks, who have not only contributed very largely towards the physical development of the country, but have also lent honour to the game, and have been the cause of the nation's great joy? Cricket is influencing the masses, raising their good conduct, and their honesty, generating, evangelising them. I don't at all agree with those who say that cricket is contented, on principle, in spite of all sense and reason, that they forgetful about the present day are not half so good nor half so well conducted as Mr. Peverell, of *cricketiana* fame, and his fellow "judge" than this it would puzzle

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FAT STOCK SHOW AT
DARLINGTON.

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The other successful exhibitors of fat cattle were:—Mr. Richard Abba, Winston; Mr. T. P. Outhwaite, Goldborough; Mr. B. Gell, Grimsdon, York; Mr. J. Fryer, Catterick-bridge; Mr. T. Willis, Carperby, Easingale; Mr. C. L. Wood, Howlish Hall, Bishop Auckland; and Major Gunter. The winners in the sheep classes were:—Mr. F. Bickell, Warton; Mr. John S. Greaves, Clothorholme, Ripon; Lord Weulack; Mr. George Middleton, High Cliffe, Winston; and Mr. Robert Graham.

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THE GREAT FIGHT

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Yours, &c., E. B.

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CHARLES WESTHALL.
(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY NEWBOLD, STRAND.)



MOORE & WILLIAMSON. scul. & engr.

MENDOZA, THE CELEBRATED PUGILIST.
(FROM AN ORIGINAL ENGRAVING.)

BILLY, THE STOCK DOG.

This dog is the property of L.M. Littler, of the Bowling Green, Holloway Head, Birmingham. Billy is white, and he is an extraordinary good killer. He has won one sweep in public and several minor matches. He will be open to be matched against anything living, at six weight, after the Birmingham Dog Show. As he will be exhibited there, gentlemen desirous of obtaining the service of the dog can do so by corresponding with the owner at the above address. Billy is white, with one blinded eye.

TOM SAYERS AND HEENAN

Our illustration touching the accidental meeting of Sayers and Heenan at Chalk Farm, in Howe and Cushing's circus, has been from unavoidable circumstances, omitted for several months past. The fact will be in strong recollection of our sporting readers.—Sayers happened one evening to "drop in," as old Charles Matthews used to say, to witness a quiet bout with the muffers between the Benito Boy and Young Broome. The British public, who relished Tom from antecedents calculated to lower American prowess in the memorable many struggle at Farnborough, called loudly for the two boxers to exhibit themselves in the swiftest circle of the arena. Sayers good-humouredly complied with the request, and divested himself of his habiliments with a readiness only equalled by the courtesy of Heenan. The pair sparred lightly for some few moments, not as any Atlantic Clipper would say, with *animo*, for England's physique had been before shown not to have deteriorated, and ended an hearty and friendly set-to amidst the cheers of an immense attendance of spectators. The courtesy of both to measure hands in many goodwill met with universal approbation. Our depictions of the circumstance, we think, has been faithfully portrayed by our artist, with that attentive study to please our readers that will always invariably prevail with us.

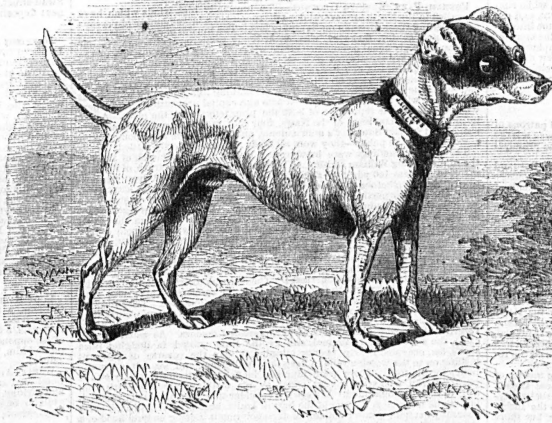
HER MAJESTY'S STAGHOUNDS.—On Tuesday week this pack met at Bedford-gate, and the deer Harry, well known to fame, was exhibited in a new country. The scent was not very good, but the country was as follows:—To Stanwell and Perry Oaks, then to Longford and Richings; crossed the Great Western at Langley, and kept on to Iwer-hatch; through Black Park to Fulmer and Nettle-grove; then to Redhill and Denham-march, pointing to Mill-end, but turning to the left through Ladbroke-wood, brought him to Horn-hill, where he thought it time to call a halt, which he did, in a snug farmyard, at the end of two hours.

PEDESTRIANISM.

MATCHES TO COME.

DECEMBER.

- 18.—Madden and York—150 yards, £10 a side, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 19.—Hushworth and Sutcliffe—to run half a mile, £5 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 20.—Atkinson and Watson—150 yards, £20 a side, Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds.
- 19.—Harrison and Webb—120 yards, £10 a side, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.
- 19.—Shaw and Winpenny—to run once round the course at Warreu House, Lindley Moor, £20 a side.
- 21.—Handicap, 600 yards, £25 in money prizes, City Grounds, Manchester.
- 21.—Salt and Tait—150 yards, £25 a side, Glasgow.
- 21.—Barton and Taylor—50 yards, £5 a side, Taylor to have 10 yards' start, Bow 21.—Foster and Hook—100 yards, £10 a side, Garratt-lane.



(MR. LITTLE'S DOG BILLY.)
(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

- 21.—Child and Witteote—100 yards, £10 a side, High-park, Fenton.
- 22.—Barns and Lawton—120 yards, £3 a side, High-park, Fenton.
- 22.—Smith's Novice and Keefe—440 yards, £5 a side, Keefe to allow 10 yards' start, Brompton.
- 26.—Two mile race, for £5, and a four mile walking handicap, for £5, Brompton.
- 26.—Hockley and Howard—120 yards, £100 a side, Howard to have five yards' start, St. Thomas's Ground, Stanningley.
- 6.—Handicap race, 600 yards, several money prizes, Masons' Arms, Bolton street, Bury.
- 26.—Heath and Ramsden—150 yards, £10 a side, Hyde-park.
- 26.—An Unknown—to walk 20 miles in three hours, £20 a side, Pear Tree Gardens, Edminster.
- 26.—Three handicaps, 150 yards, half a mile, and three miles, £10, Garratt-lane.
- 26.—Driscoll and Ford—to run a quarter of a mile, £10 a side, Garratt-lane.
- 26.—Ellis and Longley—120 yards, £10 a side, Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds.
- 26.—Handicap, a mile and a quarter, £12 and other money prizes, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 26, 28.—All England Handicap, 220 yards, £35 in money prizes, Queen's Hotel Grounds, Sheffield.
- 26.—Handicap, 220 yards, £15 in money prizes, Prince of Wales Ground, Holloway Head, Birmingham.
- 28.—Bolton and Newell—100 yards, £5 a side, Aston-croce.

- 26, 28.—Handicap race, 880 yards, £20 and other money prizes, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.
- 26, 28.—Handicap race, 130 yards, £12 in money prizes, Aston-croce.

JANUARY, 1864.

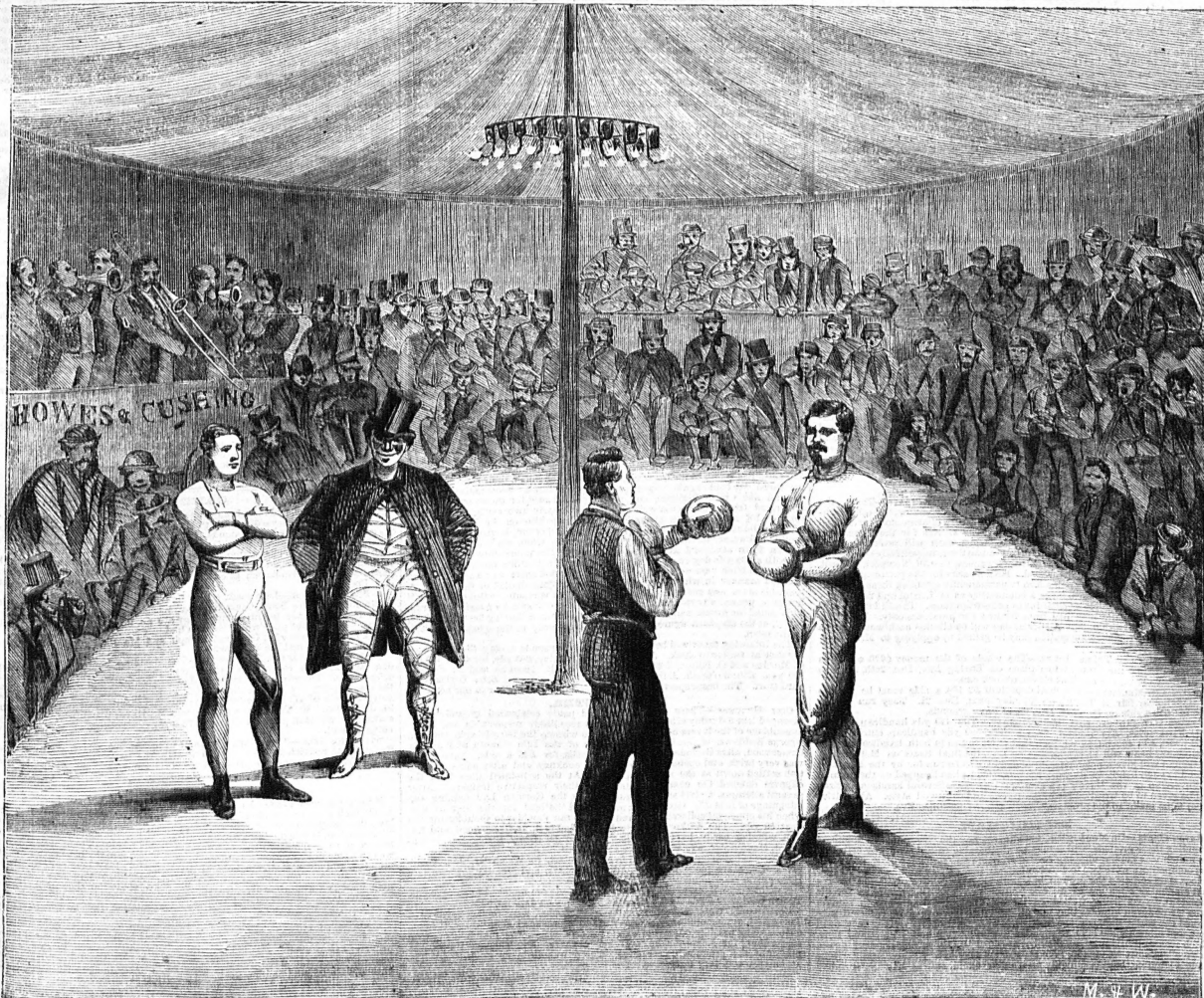
- 2.—A 410 yards' race, for a silver cup, by amateurs only, Brompton.
- 2.—Hayden and Neary—to run three miles, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 4.—Edwards and Funnell—100 yards, £25 a side, High-park Grounds, Fenton.
- 4.—Brathwaite and Peck—120 yards, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 4.—Seven Mile Champion Belt and £25 a side, between Allen and Miles, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 9.—Moore and Popplewell—250 yards, Popplewell to have 20 yards' start, Victoria Grounds, Leeds, £25 a side.
- 11.—Allan and Fennell—to walk seven miles, £20 a side, Fennell to receive one minute start, Summer Hill Grounds, Dublin.
- 11.—Mills and Morliffe—to run a quarter of a mile, £7 10s. a side, Prince of Wales Ground, Holloway Head, Birmingham.
- 16.—Hayden and An Unknown—to run five miles, £25 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
- 16.—Coffee and Quille—120 yards, £10 a side, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 18.—Allan and Harro—to walk four miles, £10 a side, Harro to have two minutes' start, City Grounds, Manchester.
- 19.—Madden and York—150 yards, £10 a side, Strawberry Hotel Grounds, Liverpool.
- 21.—Hartshorne and Invis—140 yards, £5 a side, High-park, Fenton.
- 22, 26.—Handicap sweepstakes, 400 yards, for £25 each, between Beddow, Collier, Neary, and Nuttall, Copenhagen Grounds, Manchester.

FEBRUARY.

- 6.—Mills and White—to run 10 miles, £50 a side, Hackney Wick.

HACKNEY WICK.

RACE BETWEEN WILLIAM DELLEW AND GEORGE IMBER.—MONDAY.—These pedestrians attended Mr. J. Bain's enclosed Monday to decide their three-mile race for £10 a side, Dellew having to allow his opponent 100 yds start. The competitors had to make the circuit of the course 21 times, and when all the given distance in advance. W. Price, the M.C., acted as referee, and as the pedestrians had to go off by report of pistol, W. Richards (the Welchman) was appointed to give the requisite signal. On getting away Imber made a strong pace, but notwithstanding he displayed a due turn of speed, still there was nothing like the same ease in his style as was observed in his opponent. During the whole of the first mile Dellew did not gain anything on his man; for as they entered upon the second mile, Imber was fully the given distance to the fore, and owing to his having still such an important lead his friends became more than ever sanguine as to the result. Indeed, many of Imber's partisans imagined that as Dellew had gained nothing on his opponent while contesting the first mile that there was now too formidable a gap between them for him to be able to, in the end, prove the winner. While racing the second mile the struggle was maintained in a most spirited manner, but the way in which Dellew now "pulled in" on his opponent took all by surprise; for from the style in which he let himself out to his pace, when called on to do so by his attendant, gave the most undeniable proof that he had not been running at his best speed during the performance of the first mile. When the men passed for the completion of the 14th lap, this being the commencement of the third mile, Dellew had decreased the gap between them by fully some 60 yds. Although he was thus manifesting such a superiority in speed, yet the friends of Imber were far from being in any way desponding as to the issue. That Dellew was



A REMINISCENCE OF SAYERS AND HEENAN.

(AN ORIGINAL SKETCH.)

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